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Enclosed is a copy of the International Search Report for the parent application PCT/NO2003/000445, and a copy of the International Search Report with Written Option issued in PCT/NO2005/000138, which relates to subject matter which may be deemed analogous to that of the present application.

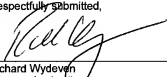
Also enclosed are copies of Office Actions (including translations) which were issued in the priority application NO20026284, and a copy of the Office Action (including translation) issued in application NO20035861 which claims priority to the same Norwegian application as does the present application.

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(7) References  
(4) Office Actions with English Translations